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ASHLEY INGRAM/Petit Jean
Junior Kim Frizzell interviews Judge Bob Parrish at the White County Courthouse on election night Nov. 2. TV 16 broadcasted live for more than three hours that evening, bringing the Harding community and White County citizens election results.

Campus groups find unique ways to handle election

MARANDA ABERCROMBIE
student reporter

Students across campus tuned in to election coverage Tuesday, Nov. 2, to see which presidential candidate would come out on top. TV 16, the political science department and the history department all celebrated and commemorated the election in their own ways.

TV 16, Harding's television station, broadcasted a special show every half hour from 7-10:30 p.m. This was the first time TV 16 has been live on location; junior Anna Brinley, producer, described the experience as eye-opening.

"I think live coverage is what really makes news what it is," Brinley said. "The excitement and enthusiasm that you could feel in everyone on the staff just kept us going all night."

TV 16 had anchors covering national, state and local updates and hosting interviews with Dr. Mark Elrod, associate professor of political science, and Dr. Kevin Klein, chair of the history department. Reporters were on location at the White County Courthouse, where they talked to candidates and Searcy citizens. The show, which focused primarily on Searcy and the White County area, took hours of preparation to be ready.

"We worked really hard putting the show together," sophomore Matthew Hewes, graphics coordinator for TV 16, said. "We wanted to make it informative and beneficial for the whole city."

The political science and history departments celebrated the election with a party for students and faculty. Three televisions were tuned into different stations, and about 50 party-goers ate and played an election trivia game while they waited for votes to be tallied. Dr. Steve Breezeel, assistant professor of political science, said the party was well received.

"This event is like the Super Bowl for our majors," Breezeel said. "This is a huge historical moment, and it is a natural setting for our department to hold an event like this."

Missionaries return early

Passport hitch sends students in Kenya on trip back to U.S.

REBECCA KING
student reporter

After 10 months of volunteer teaching at the Chepkong'ony Secondary School in Chepkong'ony, Kenya, four Harding students returned to the United States Oct. 31, one month earlier than they expected.

Juniors Chris Nicholson, Ben Gerber, Mark Johnston and Nathan Hendrix said they are glad to be back in the United States, even if it is sooner than they planned. When their 6-month tourist visas expired in July, they said they were unexpectedly told they had only a few days to leave the country.

"We were supposed to leave in three days, so we started praying about it," Nicholson said. "We knew a member of parliament for our area, and he made a way for us to stay there for three extra months."

The men spent time with Hendrix's parents, missionaries in France, before returning to the United States. Nicholson said his parents were not expecting him until December, but he surprised them Nov. 5.

In Kenya, all the men stayed busy teaching English and Bible at the high school. Hendrix taught French as well. On weekends, they hosted youth rallies at the area churches.

They said the majority of their mission work was not necessarily evangelism, but encouragement.

"When you think about Africa, you think about outreach," Hendrix said. "But in our area, there were just so many churches, so many Christians, even most of our students."

Though the group made some sacrifices, such as living without running water and



Photo courtesy of Kenya mission team
Junior Mark Johnston prepares to baptize a new believer, Raymond, while in Kenya working as a missionary with three other Harding juniors. The group returned to the United States Oct. 31 after experiencing passport troubles overseas. The group will be attending classes on campus again in the spring semester.

only a few hours of electricity a day from a generator, the members said they do not think they made any major sacrifices.

"The point of our going was to help people come to Christ," Johnston said.

While physical sacrifices were made, spiritual aspects were missing as well.

"One thing we had to sacrifice was good worship," Nicholson said. "I mean, we were the only Americans around, and no one had a really good knowledge of the Bible anywhere close to us. We didn't speak the language, so we became more dependent on God and each other."

The men said dependence helped the men as they taught and encouraged those

in Kenya. They said it even helped them to deal with the unexpected.

"A woman almost had a baby in our car," Gerber said. "It's just life. You never know what is going to happen."

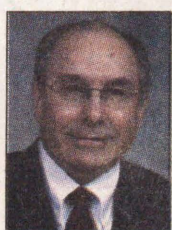
As far as set plans for the future, all four men said they have three semesters left at Harding and will start school again in January. However, they said they are unsure of their plans after graduation.

"I thought I would come away from Kenya with a clear view of what I wanted to do," Gerber said. "That's definitely not the case, but I'm OK with that. It's OK to just surrender. It's just up to God, and it's something I'll be praying about."

Accreditation team to evaluate university

DEANN THOMAS
managing editor

Seven representatives from the Higher Learning Commission, a component of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, will be on campus Nov. 15-17 to evaluate Harding University for accreditation.



LONG

Going through the accreditation process every 10 years gives Harding the opportunity to evaluate itself and determine how well the university is meeting its goals and what areas need improvement, according to Dr. Larry Long, vice president for academic affairs.

Long said the process benefits students and validates the education they receive from the university.

"Without accreditation, students who attend Harding would not be eligible to receive financial aid, because it is only offered to students who attend schools that have been accredited," Long said. "We are confident we should receive a very positive report. We are optimistic about the outcome because we believe we have strong programs supporting our mission."

Senior Hillary Kennington, the student representative for academic affairs, said accreditation also means a lot to students after they graduate.

"It's really important to know what's going on because the weight of their degrees depend on whether or not Harding is accredited," she said. "If you try to get a job, and Harding wasn't accredited it would mean four years of education were wasted."

As the first part of the accreditation process, the university performed a self-study to examine its mission, goals, strengths

and weaknesses. Long said the study re-emphasized some of the aspects the university is most proud of, like having chapel as a way to promote spiritual values and communicate as a community.

"I feel very positive about pieces that popped to the surface in our discussions," Long said. "Harding is a mission-driven university. All the faculty and students who pass through here should know the emphasis that is placed on Harding's mission in Christian learning."

Long said the study also brought to light aspects that he believes the university needs to work on, like improving communications with off-campus constituencies.

"Some people say [the self-study] is just a gesture to accommodate the [commission], but that's not accurate," Long said. "It allows us to see the things we can feel good about and the things that could be better. It puts forward new questions so we can draw conclusions — not all are negative, and not all are positive."

Once the self-study was complete, the university sent a report to the commission. Now, members of the HLC from other universities will verify the results and answer any questions that remain, according to Long. The visiting committee will make recommendations to the HLC, which will re-accredit the university.

Over the course of the group's visit, the HLC members will be visiting offices on campus, going through financial records and talking to administrators, faculty members and students.

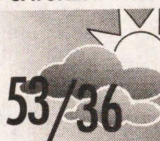
"Everything about the university is open to them," Long said. "Of course they want to look at the finances and how academic policies are set, but they also look at student life and everything else."

HLC ACCREDITATION

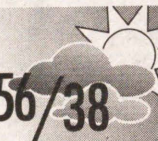
- Seven visitors will be on campus to evaluate university.
- Evaluation will last from Nov. 15-18.
- HLC accreditation occurs once every 10 years.

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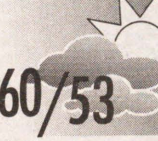
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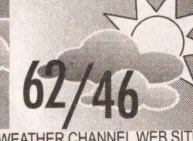
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OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Lipscomb alum creates children's show

A Lipscomb alumnus and Harding alumnus famous for their children's programming released the first episode of a new faith-based children's series called "HoopDogz" Oct. 16.

Jim Jenkins, a Lipscomb graduate, and his partner, David Campbell, a Harding graduate, have been producing TV shows like "Doug," "JoJo's Circus" and "P.B. & J. Otter" for the past 15 years.

"HoopDogz" is the team's first Christian series.

The series will feature animated dogs who learn lessons about life and the Bible while shooting hoops behind the HoopDogz diner. The premiere episode, "God Good, Idols Bad," is available in Christian bookstores.

Court settles dispute over found money

The Arkansas Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday that the owner of Comfort Inn in Searcy could keep the \$14,200 that was discovered in one of the hotel's rooms three years ago.

J.K. Kazi, the hotel owner, and Alex Franks, the guest who discovered the money, had battled for the money since it was found.

Officials from the Searcy Police Department told the Daily Citizen that the money is being kept in a bank safety deposit box until the department receives more information from the courts.

Hockey player sentenced for conspiracy

A former hockey player for the St. Louis Blues was sentenced Monday to 7 1/2 years in prison for plotting to kill his agent.

The court said Mike Danton, 24, conspired to murder David Frost after the two men argued about Danton's alleged promiscuity and alcohol use, according to the Associated Press. Authorities said Danton feared the agent would contact officials from his hockey club about the problem.

The plot was uncovered when Danton tried to enlist the help of his one-time girlfriend, 19-year-old Katie Wolfmeyer, and her friend Justin Levi Jones. Jones, a police dispatcher, turned over taped recordings of his conversations to police.

Wolfmeyer was acquitted of charges of her part in the plot in September.

Actor sues ex-Catwoman for harassment

Actor Jim Belushi from "According to Jim" filed a \$1 million lawsuit last week against his next-door neighbor, actress Julie Newmar, for harassment.

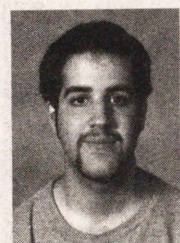
Belushi claims that Newmar, who played Catwoman in the 1960s "Batman" TV series, destroyed a fence and landscaping on his property, spied on his family and blared music into his backyard.

The suit also claims that Newmar has spread defamatory statements about him in "an effort to force Belushi to move from his home."

Belushi's lawyer, Brian Wolf, said he did not know of any specific reason for Newmar's actions.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Alex Blair, freshman



Hometown: Fraser, Mich.

Major: Graphic design

Favorite breakfast cereal: Count Chocula

IM or Phone: Phone

Favorite article of clothing: A T-shirt that says "life

is good" and has a stick figure playing a guitar on it.

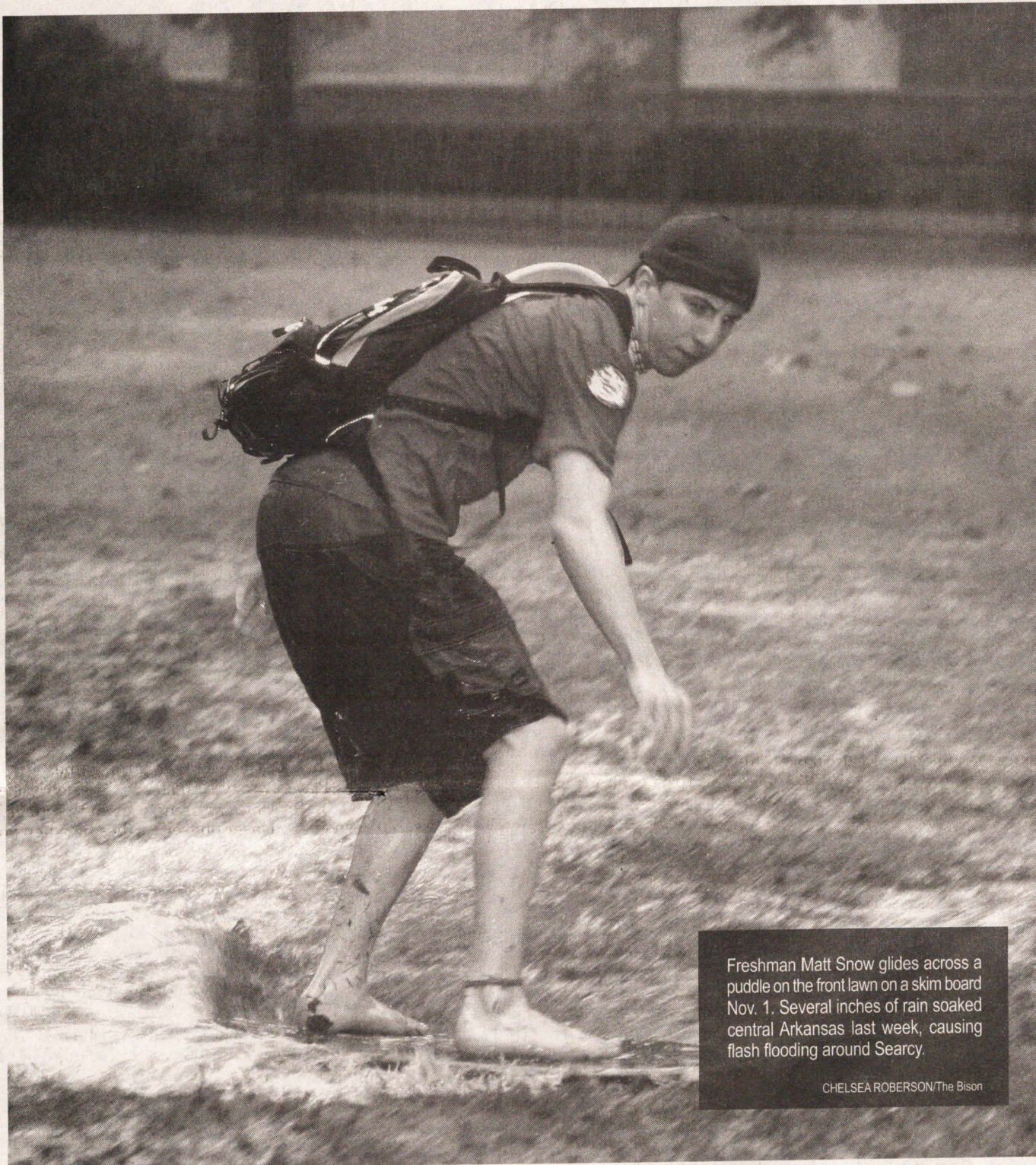
Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo or Raphael? Donatello

Longest amount of time you have been without sleep: About two days.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A lot of things — either a high school teacher, a voice actor, a cartoonist or an actor.

What was the last thing you watched on television? "The Venture Brothers."

WEEKLY WINDOW



Freshman Matt Snow glides across a puddle on the front lawn on a skim board Nov. 1. Several inches of rain soaked central Arkansas last week, causing flash flooding around Searcy.

CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

HU professor receives award

Dr. John Keller, chairman of the Department of Art and Design, was honored Nov. 5 with the 2005 Art Educator of the Year award.

The Arkansas Art Educators group recognized Keller at its meeting in Little Rock.

ALA honors Harding librarian

The Arkansas Library Association recently awarded Henry Terrill, serials, government documents and archives librarian, the Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian Award.

The award, named in honor of a former director of the Brackett Library, honors Arkansas librarians who show outstanding service and professionalism.

Terrill will receive a certificate, and his name will be engraved on a plaque in the association's office.

Student play opens Dec. 2

A student production of "The Ugly Duckling & The Mad Breakfast" will show in the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. Dec. 3-4. Tickets cost \$5.

Musician to play at Harding

Pianist Roman Rudnytsky will perform in Harding University's Administration Auditorium Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. as part of the 2004

2005 Classical Lyceum Series.

Rudnytsky will perform Rachmaninoff, Mendelssohn and Debussy, as well as variations on a theme from "Carmen," Beethoven's "Sonata in E Flat," and "Toccata" by Philip Lambro.

Rudnytsky began studying piano at age 4 and gave his first full recital at age 7. He is a graduate of Juilliard and did additional studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Maryland and at master classes in Austria and Italy.

He has performed in more than 80 countries and has won various awards including the International Leventritt Competition, and the International J.S. Bach Competition.

General admission to the concert is \$2 at the door or is free with the Pass. For more information, call 501-279-4343.

Speech scheduled for faculty

The McNair Scholars program is hosting a faculty lunch with Donald Asher, faculty member of the Penn State TRIO Training Institute and author of "Graduate Admissions Essays," at noon Nov. 12.

Asher will talk about helping students get into graduate schools, including motivational techniques and how to write good references.

COMING UP

11.12 "Are You Being Served? Diamonds are a Man's Best Friend," Little Theatre, 7 p.m. \$5

11.12 "The Terminal," Benson, 9 p.m., \$2 or free with the Pass

11.13 "Are You Being Served? Diamonds are a Man's Best Friend," Little Theatre, 7 p.m. \$5

11.13 Jessica Weimer's clarinet recital, Reynolds Center recital hall, 7 p.m., free

11.13 "The Terminal," Benson, 8 p.m., \$2 or free with the Pass

11.14 Women's open house, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

11.15 Lady Bison basketball v. Arkansas Baptist; home, 6 p.m.

11.15 Bison basketball v. Arkansas Baptist; home, 8 p.m.

11.15 Orchestra fall concert, Reynolds Center recital hall, 7 p.m., \$2

11.16 Classical Lyceum, Roman Rudnytsky, pianist, Administration Auditorium, 7 p.m., \$2 or free with the Pass

11.18 Jazz Band concert, Reynolds Center recital hall, 7 p.m., free

11.19 Last day to drop a class

11.21 Thanksgiving recess begins

11.20 Men's open house, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Local cook offers meal options

Complete, balanced meals available to locals, students

VALERIE HENDRIX
student reporter

With what started first as a service for friends and fellow church members, a Searcy woman has created a growing home business for people who wish to buy healthy and convenient meals.

Tanya Leckie, 800 N. Spring St., said she started Lazy Day Gourmet about six months ago in order to be able to stay at home with her daughter.

Leckie sets aside Tuesdays and Thursdays for cooking entire meals capable of feeding four or five people. She said she gets up at 6 a.m. and stays in the kitchen until noon.

After cooking, cooling, packaging and labeling, her meals are ready to be picked up by 4 p.m. She said she gets anywhere from two to eight orders on the days she cooks.

"I love cooking because I am

of a creative nature," Leckie said. "There's no end to the combinations of food."

Prices are not cheap but reasonable, considering that it is home-made, healthy food, Leckie said. A meal for four to five people usually costs between \$11 and \$20.

Junior Mason Lafferty said he thought the price was reasonable for a serving of food that could possibly be stretched into five meals. He said he has been looking for someone to cook for him since he came to school.

"If I would have known about this, I would have been getting my supper from her for years now," Lafferty said. "One dish would probably feed me for a week."

Leckie said she does not advertise because she does not operate an actual restaurant or have a license.

People find out about her meals through word of mouth and then are added to her e-mail list. Leckie sends

e-mails every Sunday, informing customers of the weekly menu.

Lackie regularly rotates 25 meals that range anywhere from Spaghetti Amor, a recipe she has been using for 20 years, to chicken pot pies with a homemade crust. Leckie said she thinks her best meal is the Full Moon Café Tortilla Soup, a recipe that comes from a famous café in Tulsa, Okla.

Junior Alycia James said she thinks this deal would be perfect for her and her three suitemates in Searcy hall.

"The four of us take turns cooking every night," James said. "This would be an easy way to divide up the responsibility between us."

Leckie said she appreciates customers giving her at least a day's notice for orders because she plans out her menu in advance.

For more information about Lazy Day Gourmet, e-mail Tanya Leckie at lazydaygourmet@Aristotle.net. ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Tanya Leckie from Searcy stirs a simmering pot of homemade broccoli and cheddar soup. Leckie runs Lazy Day Gourmet, a local meal service that some Harding students have taken advantage of. "When my sister and I get on the phone, we start talking about recipes 'til the wee hours of the morning," she said.

Owners aim to entertain with laser tag arena

LISA BLOUNT
copy editor

A Harding staff member has combined efforts with several others to create Searcy's newest form of entertainment: a laser tag arena called Lazercade, which opened Oct. 15 at 311 E. Race St., next to Mi Ranchito.

Tim Jones, an accountant in Harding's finance department, said Travis and Kelly Ellis of Searcy were the initiators of this project. Jones and his wife, Brittney, John and Karol Hilker and Brandon Dunn also took the opportunity to turn Travis Ellis' idea into something real.

"This is really Travis' brain child," Tim Jones said. "He loves

paintball and laser tag, and laser tag was a game that could be played indoors. Because he loves kids, he wanted to create something for them to do because he saw a real need for clean, fun entertainment for them in Searcy."

The Lazercade building measures 6,000 square feet that include two laser tag areas called "The Ruins" and "The Maze."

The first arena, "The Ruins," has a more easily defendable battleground with a fog-filled center

that contributes to intensive team strategy play.

"The Maze," the second area, is plotted over more than 3,000 square feet. One turn in the maze can lead the player to either an opponent or an energizer, which gives life back to those who have been tagged.

"Tag" and "Hide-and-Go-Seek" are memorable games that might exemplify the goals of laser tag. Players wear vests that are implanted with sensors that respond to a laser phaser.

Laser tag is a team-oriented game

where the main objective is to tag the opposing team's home base and as many players on the opposing team as possible with a phaser. Game plans and strategizing are the keys to winning.

Jones said the laser tag experience includes pounding music, fog machines and fluorescent light effects.

James Bocks, a Lazercade employee, said he likes working as a marshal, pumping people up, refereeing children and explaining rules and familiarizing them with the game.

"My job is like being the ringmaster at the circus," Bocks said. "Time flies by when you're having fun."

Brittney Jones said Lazercade is

going to try to start a specific night for college-aged students.

"We want them to get more involved," Brittney Jones said. "We know it's not going to be as fun when you have young ones running around."

Tim Jones said they are planning their first college night Thursday, Nov. 18, for students who desire to get the most laser tag for their money.

"It's going to be All-Play, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.," Tim Jones said. "It will cost \$10 per person, and depending on its busyness, students might be able to play up to 10 games in those three hours."

More information is available at www.lazercade.com. ■

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Freshman Matt Richardson chauffeurs sophomore Laura Gilbert to her dorm Wednesday night. Security officials began offering the Courtesy and Safety Escorts program Oct. 17 for Harding females to get safely across the campus at night.

Security increases escort availability

ALEXIS OLIVER
student reporter

In an effort to promote a sense of safety among female students walking around campus at night, Harding security is using golf carts to patrol parking lots and escort women to their on-campus destinations after dark.

The Courtesy and Safety Escorts program began Oct. 17 after security officials purchased two green golf carts with amber-colored lights on top, making it easy for anyone to see the vehicles at night.

Chief of Security Craig Russell said CASE works in two ways. A female student can call security and an officer will pick her up, or she can look for a security officer patrolling in the parking lots of the women's residence halls.

"We want to become proactive and be in the parking lots ready to offer rides to female students," Russell said.

The program has been running for about four weeks, and the security office has received more than 2,100 calls from female students

requesting escorts. In addition, security has not received any harassment reports since the service began, Russell said.

Campus Security has used a golf cart to escort female students safely to their destinations for years, but with the number of harassment cases on campus gradually increasing over the years, Russell said the CASE program is another step to making the campus more secure.

The hours of operation for the CASE service are weekdays from 9 p.m. until midnight, and weekends from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Sophomore Laura Gilbert said she appreciates the CASE program.

"It's really convenient when they catch you," Gilbert said. "I've only done it a couple of times, but it makes me feel a lot safer."

Junior Andy McDonald, who has driven the CASE carts since the service began, said he has enjoyed helping people out and meeting everyone.

"[The escort service] makes the girls feel safer, and everyone should be able to feel safe on campus," McDonald said.

Home for the holidays?

International students plan for Thanksgiving break

JACLYN ROBERTS
student reporter

While students look forward to sweet potato casserole and a turkey full of stuffing, most of them expect a few hours on the road or a quick flight to return to their hometown for the week of Thanksgiving.

However, the almost 200 Harding students who hail from other parts of the globe often anticipate a different kind of schedule during the November break.

When traveling to their hometown is not a possibility, some students catch a ride home with a friend to meet his or her family. Freshman Brian Salter, from Canada, is going to Dallas over the holiday with some friends to enjoy the mashed potatoes made from scratch he missed back in October with his own family, which is when Canadians traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving.

"It'll be a little weird not celebrating Thanksgiving with my family," Salter said. "But I know about 15 Harding students from Dallas, who I've known for a few years now from a mission trip, and it'll be nice to

spend some time with them."

Nicky Boyd, director of International Student Services, assists those who need a place to stay during breaks. He said he has never had a problem finding a place for a student to go over the holiday.

"I am continually impressed with our student body and their willingness to take students from abroad, often total strangers, home with them," Boyd said.

Boyd said the international students who return home are mainly those who live relatively close to the United States. But the one-week break is hardly worth the airfare to travel much further, he said.

Senior Erina Sinoimeri, from Albania, said she is not planning to go home for Thanksgiving.

"I've decided just to stay here for the week and relax and work," Sinoimeri said. "I know several people who are staying in Searcy also, so

we'll all probably get together and have Thanksgiving dinner."

Sinoimeri said it would not be worth the cost of the ticket to go home for the holiday.

"Plane tickets to Albania cost at least \$1,000, and Thanksgiving isn't even a holiday at home," she said. "So, of course I wish I could go home, but I don't really feel like I'll be missing too much, like other people who are used to celebrating [Thanksgiving] might."

Some foreign students actually eat the traditional American Thanksgiving meal with turkey and gravy, even though the holiday is not celebrated in all countries.

Although sophomore Heather Vick is from Scotland, she said she is accustomed to the holiday because her father is American.

"I don't eat meat, so I just enjoy the other dishes," Vick said. "But, we do serve turkey like everyone here is used to."

"I am continually impressed with our student body and their willingness to take students from abroad, often total strangers, home with them."

NICKY BOYD,
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Students stage British sitcom

SUSANNA SMITH
student reporter

A student production of "Are You Being Served? Diamonds Are a Man's Best Friend," based on an episode of the 1970s' British sitcom about the Grace Brothers department store, will be presented in the Little Theatre at 7 p.m. Nov. 11-13. Tickets cost \$5.

About 69 episodes of "Are You Being Served?" aired in the United Kingdom from 1972 to 1985, and PBS picked it up to broadcast in the United States.

Senior Heather Stringfellow, who watched the show as a teenager, adapted it for the stage and will direct its performance to fulfill the graduation requirements for theater majors.

"We'd always talked in my family about how fun it would be to actually put this on stage," Stringfellow said. "So when I had this opportunity, I thought, 'Why not?'"

Stringfellow said the biggest challenge was giving the audience the same feeling they would get from watching the show on television.

Seth Fisher, set designer, said he worked hard to create sets that would be an accurate representation of the setting on the TV show.

"A lot of people know the show,



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Juniors Caleb Lowery and Joshua Potter, and freshmen Ben Schraff and Morgan Clyde watch as junior Janine Criswell inspects a diamond during the dress rehearsal for "Are You Being Served?" The play is showing in the Little Theatre Friday and Saturday.

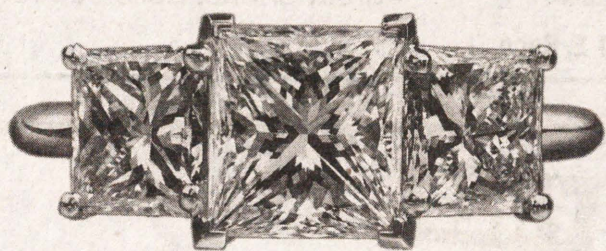
so they will come in with expectations," Fisher said. "I wanted the set to live up to their standards."

The show also created logistical difficulties with adapting the set for the stage, Stringfellow said. She chose to use a hybrid of television and stage to overcome the problem.

Stringfellow said she accomplished this by giving the audience the impression that they are the live audience at a filming

of the old British sitcom as they walk in. She said the time before the beginning of the play will not be just a waiting period.

"I'm really big on pre-show, the time from the doors opening to the theater to the time that the show starts," Stringfellow said. "I knew I wanted to make it so that the audience felt like they were doing something really interesting, not just sitting down to watch a show."



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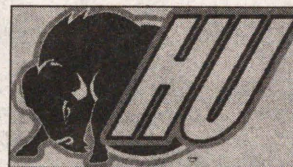
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HALO

Creating a culture

'HALO 2' OFFERS MORE MULTI-PLAYER ACTION

COLBY BLAISDELL
feature editor

Three years ago Microsoft entered the video game console market with the Xbox. Among the games that were available at launch was the soon-to-be-classic "Halo."

Both a visual smorgasbord and a revolution in pure game play, it easily outshined the competition in terms of fun and graphics. "Halo" changed gamers' perceptions of what an action game should be and created a culture all its own.

Part of what made "Halo" so appealing was its frantic multi-player action. For the past three years, Harding students have been blowing away the guys down the hall after curfew over and over again thanks to the networking capabilities of the Xbox.

"Last year in Cone [Hall] we'd play at least 10 to 11 hours a week," senior Aaron Kuzemchak said.

Stories like this are not uncommon. In fact, junior Daniel White said he played about 36 hours a week when he was really into it. That's a full-time job.

What game could possibly entertain gamers quite like "Halo?"

Last Monday at midnight, Microsoft unleashed the long-anticipated sequel, "Halo 2," and the gaming world was waiting with open arms. Both Game Crave and Hastings released the game at midnight to eager fans.

"There were probably 200 people there at Hastings," White said. "Most of them were college-age."

Sophomore Dallas Counts picked up "Halo 2" from Game Crave Monday night.

"We wanted to have it when

no one else would," Counts said. "When we got back, we told everyone else it was sold out."

Since its release, "Halo 2" appears to be living up to the hype that has been swirling since its announcement. Two of the most well-known reviewers, Gamespot.com and IGN.com, gave it a 9.4 and 9.8 out of 10, respectively.

"It's definitely better than the original," Kuzemchak said. "The multiplayer is especially way beyond 'Halo's.'"

These generous helpings of praise are sure to please Microsoft, but not as much as the generous helpings of cash that it is receiving.

To put Microsoft's earnings in perspective, consider Disney and Pixar's "The Incredibles," which opened last weekend. The movie generated \$70.7

million at the box office over the three-day period, the biggest opening a Disney movie has ever had. A Microsoft representative said that on the first day alone, "Halo 2" brought in \$125 million. That's from 2.38 million units. In one day. Experts expect the game to sell more than 10 million units before the game's life cycle is over.

"Everybody I know with an Xbox has already bought it," Counts said.

"Halo" currently remains the best-selling game on Xbox with more than 5 million units sold. With "Halo 2" on the shelves, professors and girlfriends alike can rest assured they will see a lot less of their gaming guys—at least until the initial excitement wears off. Even then, curfew in guys' dorms will still be the harbinger of mayhem, trash-talk, and the birth of many, many good memories. ■



CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Sophomores Dallas Counts and Drew Murphy play the campaign mode together. Counts said the cooperative mode is much improved in "Halo 2."



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Master Chief wields the Covenant energy sword in "Halo 2." The sequel features new weapons, vehicles and multiplayer modes.



HALO by the numbers

The average U.S. gamer is

29 years old

According to the Entertainment Software Association 39 percent of all U.S. gamers are female.

Microsoft sold **1.5 MILLION** copies of Halo 2 before the game was officially released.

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World's oldest man has ties to Harding

JENN BONZAGNI
student reporter

One-hundred-thirteen-year-old Fred Hale Sr. has twice cheered for the Boston Red Sox when they won World Championships: the first time in 1918, the second time 86 years later on Oct. 27, 2004.

In addition to being an avid Red Sox fan, Hale is also recorded in the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the oldest man in the world.

Hale was born Dec. 1, 1890, the same year as the battle of Wounded Knee, the year Jack the Ripper was terrorizing London and about the time Sherlock Holmes was solving his first mystery. He was born before cars, televisions and both world wars.

Hale currently holds two world records: the oldest man in the world, a title he received March 5, 2004, and the oldest licensed driver, having held a license until age 108.

In his lifetime, he has seen 21 presidents, was in his 70s when man landed on the moon and is the last living former railroad postal worker. He delivered mail until he retired in 1957, and he has been retired for almost 50 years.

As a former beekeeper, Hale said he attributes his long life to a bee pollen supplement every morning, as well as healthy lifestyle and never smoking.

Currently there are five generations of Hales living. Hale's great granddaughter, Cassie Goode, and her husband, Scott Goode, live in Searcy and are both Harding employees.

Scott Goode serves as the sports information director and Cassie Goode is an adjunct teacher in the College of Education.

Cassie Goode said when she was growing up, the family vacation was always going to Maine to see her great grandfather.

"Our family didn't go on other vacations," Cassie Goode said. "We always drove 30

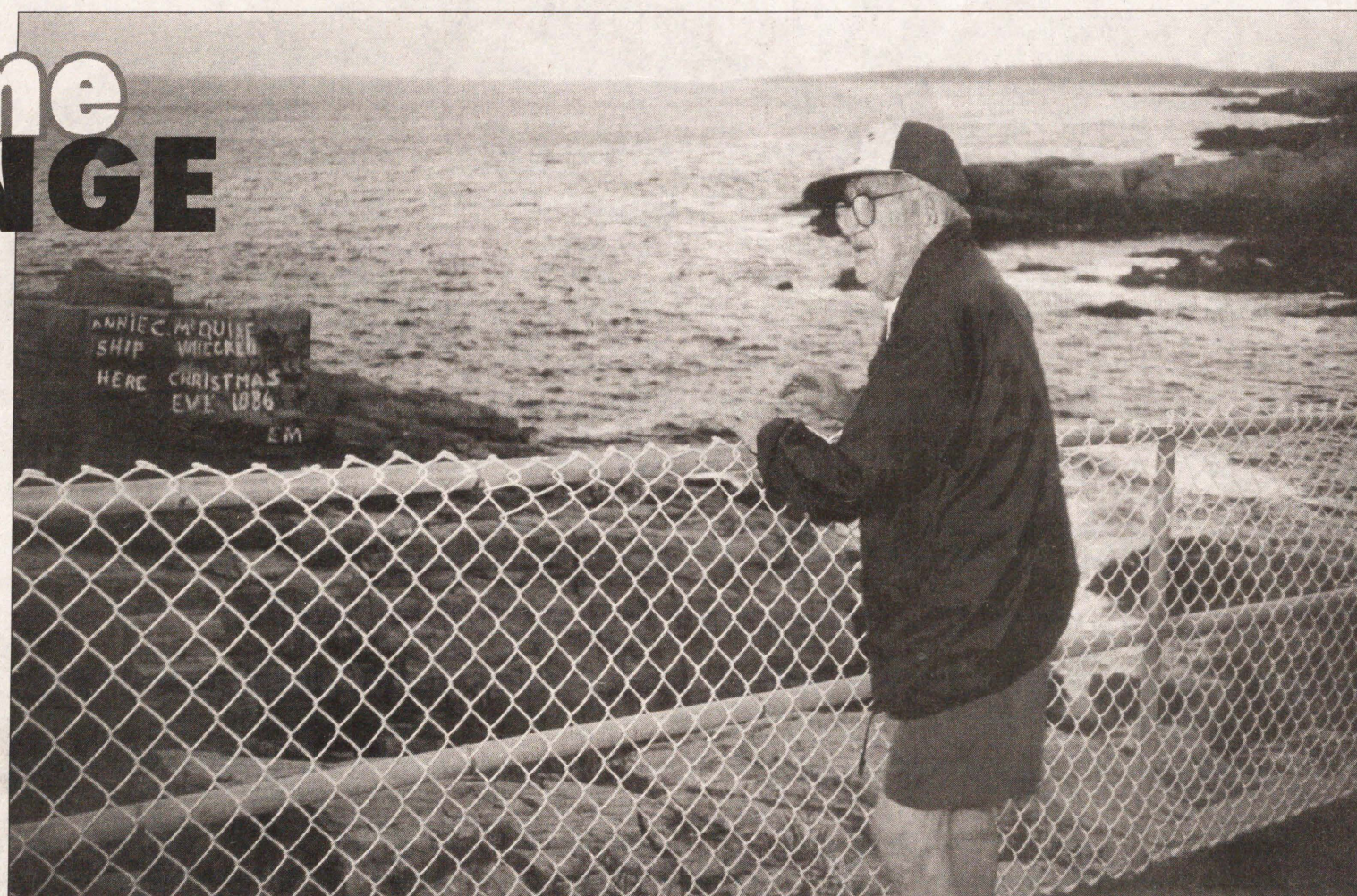


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At the age of 105, Fred Hale Sr. stands near the rocky shore of the Atlantic Ocean at the Portland Headlight lighthouse, only a few miles from his home in Portland, Maine.

hours to Maine to spend time with our family. Great Grandpa was about 90 when we started doing it because, my parents said, 'He might not live much longer.'"

When Cassie Goode was a little older, she would spend the entire summer in Maine working in the family lobster pound, doing things with her grandparents and listening to her great grandpa's stories.

"I will always cherish the time I got to spend with them," Cassie Goode said. "A lot of kids don't get to do that, especially when their grandparents live so far away."

Scott Goode said he met his great grandfather-in-law when Hale was 105. Scott Goode said Hale was still active and sharp.

Scott Goode said one of his favorite stories about Hale was when Hale was 106. Maine is known for its tremendous amount of snow in the winter.

After a snowstorm, Hale climbed an old ladder up to the roof of the house to

shovel off the snow, Scott Goode said. After he was done, he did not want to risk climbing back down the two-story house on the ladder, so instead he jumped into a nearby snowdrift.

Scott Goode said a neighbor saw and mistook it for him falling off of the roof and called the police.

"Within minutes the police, fire department, sheriff and mayor were all at the house," Goode said. "They got there as he strolled around the corner, with no idea that his little jump had caused such a stir."

Today, Hale lives in a nursing facility in Dewitt, N.Y., with his son, 84-year-old Fred Hale Jr. Still a Boston Red Sox fan, he keeps up with how his favorite team is doing 86 years after its 1918 World Series win.

Because of his loyalty, Cassie Goode said watching the Red Sox has always been a family affair.

"We all crowd into the room around the little television to watch the games," Cassie Goode said. "[Hale] asks me what the score is, even though he always knows, just to make sure I'm listening."

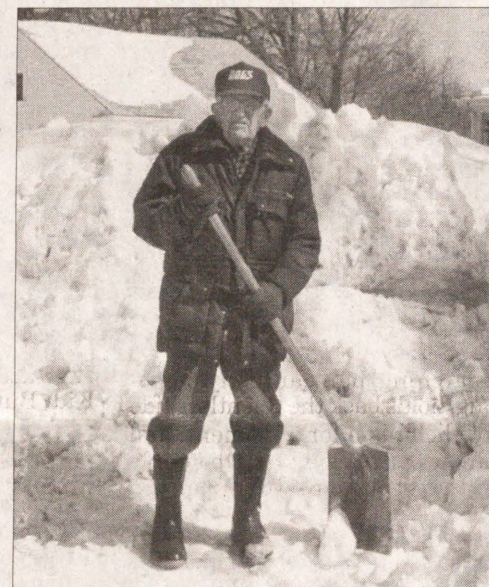
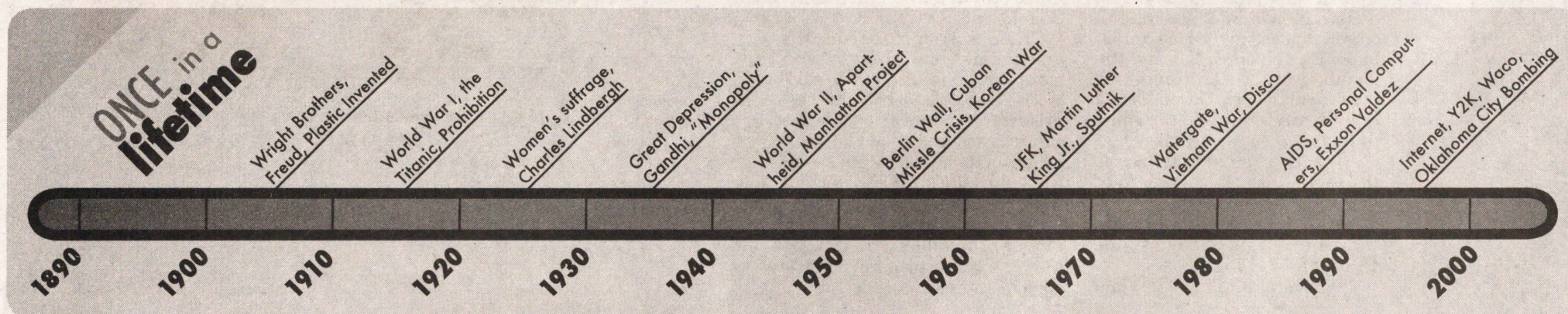


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Fred Hale Sr. shovels snow at his home at the age of 103. Hale is 113 and is recorded as the oldest man alive.



The last challenge of a socially conscious society?

Depression strikes millions— indiscriminately. Depression is simply a suppression of brain activity that makes life unbearable. And even though depression is readily treatable, only 1 in 5 ever seeks treatment. Why do so many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide? First, there's the lack of awareness of depression— as an illness and as the threat that it is to each and every one of us. Second, there's the unwarranted negative stigma attached to it. You know, the 'mental' thing. It's time to collectively face depression. To know it's an illness, not a weakness. And it's a challenge that's long overdue. It's taken too many of us already.

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'Hopes and Fears' full of heartfelt experience

JOSH POTTER
student reporter

Writers and musicians, such as myself, understand both the importance and downfalls of clichés.

It is far too easy to slip into the trap of either making your creative work empty of accessible and compassionate meaning or full of cheesy platitudes guaranteed to run your audience off.

Thus, the great quest artists everywhere undertake is to avoid clichés at all costs.

The British alternative/punk band Keane, made up of vocalist Tom Chaplin, piano/keyboard/bass player Tim Rice-Oxley and drummer Richard Hughes, embraces this quest from the beginning with its defiance of the modern musical rule that all successful bands must possess a guitar somewhere in the lineup.

Yet at the same time, their debut album, "Hopes and Fears," reminds us that clichés generally become clichés because a large group of people sees something in them that is worth running into the ground. Keane does this through the presentation of cliché-type material in an open, honest and sometimes original manner.

The first single to hit the radio was track one, "Somewhere Only We Know." The first stanza itself is full of clichés: "I walked across an empty land; I knew the pathway like the back of my hand."

But the tone of the song, upbeat musically and almost naively searching, half earnestly pleading, holds back the relentless tide of cliché-ism for a moment, and allows us to wonder, "Oh simple thing, where have you gone? I'm getting old and I need something to rely on."

Our generation must decide where we stand. We desperately need something that is uniquely

ours that imparts a sense of belonging and purpose. The song offers an honest, heartfelt answer. "So why don't we go somewhere only we know?"

The song "Untitled 1" has lyrics that evoke a sense of the poetic that is missing from mainstream pop riffraff. Once again, lines that could be clichés instead give the listener a sense of raw feeling and universality. "The wind wouldn't blow me home to lie in your heart of hearts, Will I ever see you again and lie in your heart of hearts?"

As an audience we feel what is being sung. We remember our hearts asking the same question.

My personal favorite track is the last on the album, "Bedshaped." The song deals with a common situation that the average Harding student is probably quite familiar with: breaking up.

But once again, Keane manages to evoke something beyond the ordinary through the music, which manages to offer a sense of the epic and ethereal, as well as the hopeful, through lines like, "Don't laugh at me, don't look away, you'll follow me back."

Almost everyone experiences a break-up at some point in time. By tapping into this common well of experience in the band's own way, "Bedshaped" gives the listener a connection to his or her own emotions.

In some places, Keane falls short of achieving total success and instead wholeheartedly embraces the cliché of the Emo Kid. But this is just their first



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'Eternal Sunshine' stimulates minds

PAYTON BARTEE
student reporter

Watching this movie brought several questions to mind such as, "Do people sometimes get so lost in the past that they lose all awareness of the present? Do they erase those whom make our lives more palpable? Do they think they're the only ones who do it?"

Well, for those who believe these questions apply to them, they just might be ready for a shot at "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," a movie quite unlike any other I've seen. While jotting down notes of the movie the next day, I became the willing victim of a myriad of emotions. It's still sinking in.

It's difficult to say exactly what kind of story this is or where the title comes from. The movie starts out with something the average person can make sense of — something simple. Man is routinely standing at train station; man makes a sudden run at the last possible second to a different destination. Man meets woman, they talk a little bit, they start going together, and everything seems fine.

Meet Joel (Jim Carrey) — lonely guy who is incapable of looking a woman in the eyes if she's a stranger. Joel is a rough mix of Carrey's Stanley Ipkiss of "The Mask" and Peter Appleton of "The Majestic."

Things take a turn for the worse for Joel, and he soon finds himself walking in the doors of

Lacuna, Inc. This little company makes it possible for a person to remove another person from his/her memory by destroying everything that person has that pertains to the relationship, and then going into the brain and zapping away all the memories that relate to the relationship.

The next morning, the customer wakes up like it all never happened. I love the following exchange:

Joel: "Is there any risk of brain damage?"

Doctor: "Well, the procedure basically is brain damage."

The real magic of the movie has to deal with specific aspects of what happens while Joel's memory of Clementine is being erased.

If viewers are like me, they're probably thinking that the movie is about the aftermath of doing such a thing. No sirree, the movie is about the doing of it.

The majority of the

movie takes place right there inside Joel's mind while his memory is being erased. Contained in Joel's unconscious, the film has virtually no limits. The memories make the movie; they tell about the characters and they tell the story. Ultimately, they lead to an ending based back in a bittersweet reality.

The cast is extraordinarily perfect for their respective roles. Carrey proves yet again he is more than capable of handling a "serious" role. Just because he isn't causing viewers to fall out their seats in laughter doesn't mean he can't act. Carrey plays Joel with just the

right chord; a feat that could have been boggled by lesser actors.

Kate Winslet plays Clementine, the object of his affection, in a role that is by far her kookiest. Weird or not, Winslet succeeds in roping the viewer in (maybe aided by her inane taste in hair color) with a generally warm and infectious outlook on life.

The supporting players are equally effective, albeit in smaller parts. Mark Ruffalo heads up this pack of solid performers, followed by Kirsten Dunst, the always-brilliant Tom Wilkinson, and Elijah Wood, better known for his role as Frodo in "The Lord of the Rings."

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is a thinking person's movie. I'm reminded in some ways of the diced-up time sequence of a Quentin Tarantino flick. When this is done correctly, it's definitely not a bad thing. I sense something incredible here that I can't put my finger on. Perhaps it is this: At its core, the nostalgia and truthfulness of love gets the viewer up in arms to fight for it.

Viewers might want to ask, "Well, is it a good movie?" But like many others, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" answers a question with a question: "What do you mean good?"

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■ Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Elijah Wood, Tom Ruffalo, Tom Wilkinson and Kirsten Dunst.

■ R for language and some drug content.

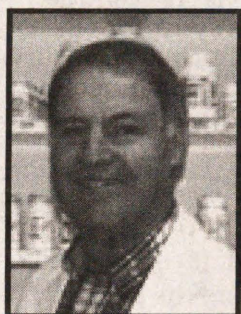


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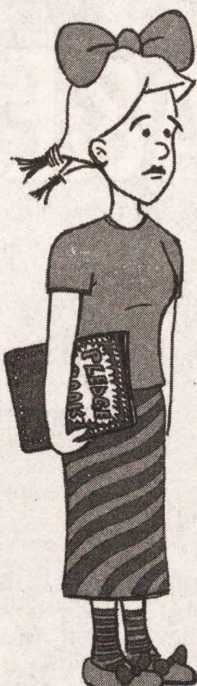
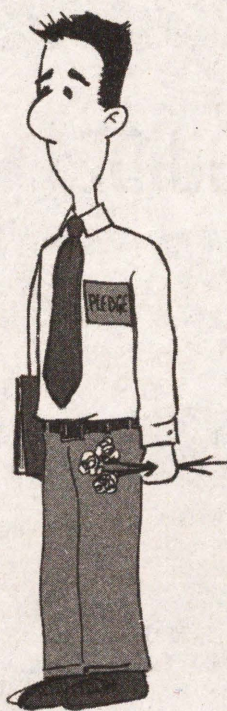
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Lulled to sleep by stars

Hollywood's brightest wasted on snoring father

I hate watching movies with my dad. I love my father very much, and I'm incredibly grateful for the fact that he did indeed bring me into this world. I imagine that my life would be a great deal less substantial if my father had not been around.

But that does not diminish the fact that I hate watching movies with my dad.

Some people talk through movies. Some people point out all the things that make a PG-13 movie PG-13 or an R movie R. Some people walk in and out of the room constantly, obscuring your view of the screen.

My dad sleeps, and his sleep brings forth a deafening cacophony that can only be compared to sticking your head into the exhaust of a jet engine at full power. And that's when he's sleeping "quietly."

My dad is a policeman who works mostly as the 911 dispatcher. Therefore, he works really long shifts, sometimes up to 12 hours. I'm sure you can imagine the high level of stress that comes with the job. I guess that explains some of the problem, but I still don't understand how one man can sit down to watch a movie he bought earlier that day and be asleep before the opening titles are finished.

I'm not joking when I say this: Dad once fell asleep before the DVD menu fully loaded.

Dad can (and does) sleep through any movie I throw at him. War movies, comedies, dramas, it really doesn't matter. Dad is going to fall asleep. This is a given. The big problem comes from the fact that he tends to fall asleep in generally the same spot in any movie.

And so, until I came to Harding and watched the movie by myself, I thought Jake and Elwood from "The Blues Brothers" were "on a mission from GGSSKRSNRKK."

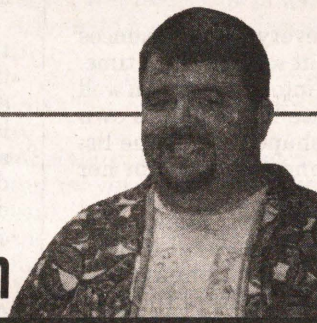
While it's frustrating enough having to sit through Dad's nasal symphony during every movie, it is even worse when we have company. In a typical scenario, when somebody visits our house for a few hours, we go through a standard procedure of Rushton hospitality: way too much food, a little bit of after-dinner music to complement our desserts, and then a movie.

Dad falls asleep halfway between the dining room and his armchair. Our company normally notices Dad and says something to the effect of "Wow, he must really be tired. I don't know how you can fall asleep during 'Back to the Future.'"

This is when the magical hypnotic rhythms of Dad's apnea start to take full

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth



effect, and pretty soon I'm listening to my Dad snoring away, and our company in... uh... company. "One-point-twenty-one HRRNNNNNNKKGGGKKKKKK-zzzzzzzz! Great Scott!"

One bright side to living with my dad and his deafening snoring is that I am never afraid for my safety at home when Dad is asleep. And it's not because Dad is a policeman that I sleep fearlessly. It's because Dad snores at such an unholy volume and with such ferocity that anybody who breaks into our home during the night is surely going to think there is a chainsaw-wielding lunatic in the bedroom upstairs, simply waiting for the chance to unleash his STIHL-brand justice.

I fully realize that my father is not the only person in our household who snores. I've been known to rattle a few ceiling tiles myself. When I was a counselor at church camp a few years ago, all the boys in my cabin wet their beds the first two nights because they thought my snoring was the cry of some hideous beast spawned of the dark pits of the eternal blackness. Pretty imaginative for 14-year-olds, huh?

I spent a weekend with my dad not too long ago. We were staying at a ranch owned by a friend of the family, and Dad and I were sharing a room with another father-son duo, Gary and Chris Wright, from our home church. Gary and Chris got no sleep.

I got a little bit of sleep, only to be reawakened by my dad falling asleep. I didn't fall asleep again until Dad woke up to fix breakfast, at which point the Wrights thought they could get some sleep, when in fact they were to be interrupted by me finally falling asleep again. Poor guys.

What is it in our divine design that makes the most peaceful time of my day and Dad's day the loudest? Why is it that I can't fall asleep to anything too loud, but I sleep louder than anything I have? I don't have any answers, I only have a prayer: I hope my wife is a deep sleeper.

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KOLBY KUWITZKY

Guest Room



Christians need to show Christ in his entirety

A staggering number of American voters went to the polls last week with "moral issues" as their top priority. It is no stretch to assume that most of these voters derive their sense of morality from religion, and most of that American political subgroup identifies itself as Christian.

The Religious Right has become one of the most powerful forces in the American political system by emphasizing the importance of emotional, "family values" issues like abortion, same-sex marriage and stem cell research. The Bible speaks clearly about some of these issues and vaguely about others.

One issue the scriptures are quite clear on is the responsibility of Christians to alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate. However, televangelists and Christian radio hosts rarely exhort their audiences to pressure their congressmen to actively support more social welfare programs (and thus higher taxes). They claim that charity and benevolence should be the domain of private organizations, often churches.

If that pillar of Christianity is the responsibility of individual churches and Christians, why should Christian objectives toward same-sex marriage and morality in the media be enforced by the government? Logic would assume that if the government can best embody Christian principles with regard to one issue, it could do the same with others.

The financial resources of the U.S. government could provide for a much more comprehensive and effective poverty relief program than churches ever provide on their own. Many Christians are all too willing to compromise some of Christ's social commands in order to promote their views on other issues. Holistic Christianity is by definition uncompromising. Christians changed the platform of the Republican Party to include rigorous anti-abortion planks through participation in county and local party committees. There is no reason to believe that the same could not be done with regard to social welfare. Is it not possible that enriching oneself at the expense of the poor might be as much an abomination to God as two men entering a marriage contract?

By arbitrarily supporting any particular political party, Christians are locking themselves within an ideological bastille from which they are unable to express the full spectrum of the ideas of their faith. This selective morality serves neither church nor state well. If Christians insist on entering the political fray and attempting to impose moral conformity, it would serve them well to take an honest, broad view of the teachings of Christ.

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Lift peers higher

Continue Induction Week's sense of encouragement after week ends

Induction Week — the two most both dreaded and desired words of the fall semester.

Dreaded because, for many, sacrifices of sleep, personal comfort and control may have to be made.

Desired because, when the week finally arrives, it means the uncertainty about getting into a club-of-choice is almost over.

And now, after weeks and months of preparation, Induction Week will be ending soon.

Clubs are all busy testing their inductees, each in their own way. Stress levels are heightened across campus, causing frustration and often tears. But classes continue, though time may not seem to, and teachers still assign tests to be studied for and taken.

Utter exhaustion might best sum up what many are feeling.

It is what happens before the inductees reach this point of helplessness that helps make a difference in the rest of the week. The inductees rally together in unity to encourage each others' spirits. Club members try to take on some burdens and share in this experience with the inductees, sometimes through "big sisters" sending their "little sisters" surprises, piling them high on the desks in the dorms.

Clubs themselves might also seek to encourage one another, whether it be by men's clubs writing notes for certain women, or vice versa. Some clubs also have "families" who try to encourage the inductees and build them up so they might have endurance for another long day.

These acts of love and encouragement toward those who fit this description are noteworthy examples of Hebrews 10:24-25, which states, "And

let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Encouragement can, and does, happen on campus through various ways throughout the year. However, there is something about Induction Week that really brings out that spirit on campus.

God doesn't want us to just demonstrate how much we love him through our occasional notes to each other but, instead, to encourage others in as many ways as we can find.

I Thessalonians 5:11 states, "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up,

just as in fact you are doing."

When reaching out to those who need encouragement, our efforts shouldn't just be an "OK, I'm done with the week now; let's go" attitude. Encouraging others should be a daily commitment to ourselves and to God. Even a compliment, a question, a little smile, can brighten someone's day.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, through clubs, and even outside of clubs, we are instructed to be a constant source of encouragement.

Why wait until Induction Week next year when you are required to encourage someone? Commit to exemplifying this characteristic in your own life as Induction Week comes to a close. Remember how you felt the last time someone encouraged you. More importantly, remember that God is glorified in your example to those around you.

Utter exhaustion might best sum up what many are feeling.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chapel becomes highlight for grandparents visiting HU

Dear editor,

Being invited by one's granddaughter to Spring Sing a few years back is enough to get the blood moving — even in some of us old folks.

So Grandma and I ventured off to Searcy one April, leaving cold New England behind us.

We were ill prepared for our reception as we parked our car at the Heritage Inn.

Strangers startled us from across the street by saying "hello." They called us "ma'am" and "sir" and treated us like friends.

Now when I said "cold New England" before, I meant that it was cold in more ways than just weather. It takes 50 years to get a friendly greeting up here.

Furthermore, my 24 years in the Navy never included being stationed in the rural, deep South.

So what a pleasure it was to be exposed to manners and grace.

As we moved about the campus, it became obvious that our first impressions were universal. From the stu-

dent "mess hall" (that got a laugh) to the Benson, we were treated with kindness and respect.

One of the low points of the stay was a bad coughing bout that put me in White County Hospital for 24 hours. But when the word got out, amazingly, strangers from Harding came to see me.

That, plus the great nursing staff, turned a bummer into a pleasant experience.

Hanging out with our granddaughter and her fiancé, we went to a baseball game, Bobby's, the Dixie Café and, of course, Spring Sing; but nothing could top chapel. Four thousand voices singing a capella in four-part harmony — I was so impressed that I had to find out how it happened.

"Was it rehearsed?" I asked a nice lady in the music department.

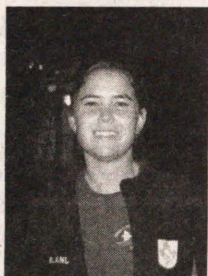
She said it was merely a result of church kids from many choirs being together in the Lord's house. To me, it sounded like all the choirs of heaven combined.

Needless to say, later trips to Harding for football and graduation were designed to include as many days of chapel as possible.

**Richard J. Biederman,
Grandfather of alumna Kerri Dutile**

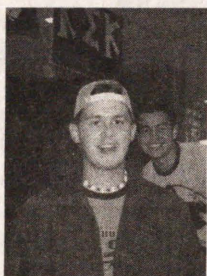
TALK BACK

What is your family's tradition for Thanksgiving dinner?



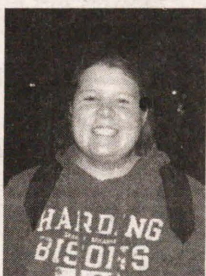
"We make a home video that always ends up having to do with Thanksgiving."

— Katie Paul, junior



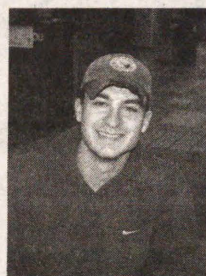
"We always eat at Luby's because we don't like to clean up after dinner."

— Mike McKown, freshman



"We always get takeout from Underwoods as our family tradition."

— Stephanie Johnson, sophomore



"Every year we make jalapeño cornbread. Our Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without it..."

— Taylor Howard, junior

STEVEN PROFAIZER

**Yada, Yada
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Nation pauses to salute its vets; HU marches on

Rain doesn't stop them; snow doesn't stop them; sleet doesn't stop them. Federal holidays, however, bring the mailmen of America to a screeching halt. And for a good reason, it shows respect for what the holiday symbolizes and also just gives everyone a break from the routine.

On Thursday, the U.S. Postal Service, along with much of the free world, celebrated Veterans Day while we attended classes. As a result, I know of at least one veteran, a grandfather of a Harding student, who was offended when he learned Harding did not observe Veterans Day.

Do most people spend Veterans Day in constant reflection of those who have served our country's military? Of course not; however, I do think it is a sign of respect to recognize the holiday as an organization — especially at a time when much of the American military is involved in active battle.

Besides, who is out there fighting for an extra day of classes for students and extra day of work for faculty members?

I'm not sure who it is around here that loves classes so much that we must all pay for their scholastic passion, but I'd gladly tack an extra day or two on the beginning of the semester, if it meant we could acknowledge a few federal holidays.

If the calendar-makers of this school don't feel strongly enough about the holidays that the rest of the country acknowledges, I propose we find a few the university can really get behind.

A few spread-out days off would serve to refresh the faculty and the student body by allowing them time to rest or get caught up on work.

The administration would even be free to choose their favorite causes to acknowledge. If Veterans Day isn't for the university, there are plenty more holidays in the month of November alone.

For instance, apparently Nov. 16 is Button Day.

Honestly, I'm not exactly sure what type of buttons we should be celebrating, but it sounds like an excellent time for reflection and a day of no classes.

Now I realize buttons might not be enough to close down the school for a day, but maybe we could consider honoring things like veterans, Martin Luther King and labor.

Besides, I think you'd be hard-pressed to find too many of the faculty, let alone the students, who would shed more than a tear or two over an extra day off.

Unfortunately, until the powers that be see fit to give us a break, we'll keep heading to classes through the rain, snow, sleet and federal holidays.

Harding University: Putting the lazy post office to shame.

Rowdies return

Believe it or not, the first Lady Bison and Bison basketball games are just around the corner. Monday marks the beginning of another season in the Rhodes Field House, and the day that the Rhodes Rowdies come out in masses.

I love Harding basketball games; the atmosphere is contagious. At the same time, I can't help but feel somewhat sorry for the visiting teams and the wrath they endure. I have always wondered what the opposing teams do in preparation for their visit to the Rhodes. At the Gulf South Conference's first basketball media day Oct. 26, my questions were answered.

I attended the media day in Hot Springs with Jamie Higgins, athletics editor for the *Petit Jean*. During the day, we had the opportunity to talk to the head coach and a player from each school. We asked about their upcoming seasons, their outlooks, and the teams' goals, and to the teams with the top three rankings, if their ranking had any effect on them.

My favorite question though, and the question that we asked every coach and team representative, was, "How do you prepare for games at the Rhodes Field House?"

Our question evoked many different responses. Initially, many of the coaches and players started laughing. A first-year coach had no idea what we were talking about (He's in for a surprise.) After that, they all got down to business. Most of the coaches told us that they tried not to make the game at Harding any different than the other games.



SARAH CRIST

From the Bleachers

On the other hand, the coaches from Henderson State said they took the sound off their game tapes from the previous year's visit to the Rhodes and blasted it over the P.A. system so the players would understand just how loud the Rowdies are.

Regardless of the noise, every team said it would much rather play in front of a cheering crowd (even if the fans are not in their favor), than play for fans who are not into the game.

In light of all of this information, I thought it would be fun to "re-live" my favorite Rhodes Rowdies moment.

Three years ago, when Central Arkansas came to the Rhodes, one of

their players had his long blonde hair pulled into a ponytail. The Rowdies dubbed him "Sunshine." Throughout the game "Suun-shine!" echoed through the Rhodes when he got the ball. At the end of the game, when Sunshine was shooting free throws, everyone standing underneath the goal put their arms around each other and sang, "You Are My Sunshine."

I wish I had room to talk about all of my favorite moments, but that one has always stood out in my mind. I hope the Rowdies bring more "sunshine" into the lives of Harding students and into the lives of the visiting teams this season. ■

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CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Senior libero player Amie Morrison dives for a ball as freshman Chelsea Ginn, sophomore Tiffany Morrison, junior Synda Veitenheimer and freshman Katelin Parks cover the play during Harding's last home game Nov. 2. The Lady Bisons defeated Ouachita Baptist University 3-1 to end their season with an undefeated conference record.

Volleyball undefeated in GSC season

SARAH CRIST
sports editor

The Lady Bison volleyball team finished Gulf South Conference play undefeated after beating Ouachita Baptist 3-1 at home Nov. 4.

The team is the first in school history to have an undefeated conference record. The volleyball team also became the first GSC West Division champion since Arkansas Tech in 2000. The Lady Bisons have won their last 22 league matches, bringing their overall record to 28-6.

Senior Leanne Lackey said at first the team just thought

of the game as another win.

"I don't think the fact that we had just finished conference play with an undefeated record really hit us at first," Lackey said. "Later, when we realized what we had done, everyone was excited that we had accomplished that."

Senior Amie Morrison led the team in defense with 36 digs. Morrison is now 64 digs away from becoming the record holder for most career digs in NCAA Division II.

Freshman Chelsea Ginn's 66 assists placed her in the Harding record book; she now holds the second highest single match total for assists in school history.

With the regular season over,

the team is now focusing on the GSC Tournament. The Lady Bisons clinched the first seed in the tournament several games ago and will face the East Division's No. 4 team, Lincoln Memorial University, at 2:30 p.m. today.

"We have had five solid days of practice," Giboney said. "We've been practicing for the tournament and are ready to go."

Giboney said he is excited about the team's chance to extend its season and travel to the NCAA National Tournament next weekend.

"We have a great chance to go to nationals, but first we have to take care of business," Giboney said. ■

Women's golf added to '05 fall sports lineup

VALERIE HENDRIX
student reporter

The athletic department announced Oct. 27 that it will add women's golf to the list of intercollegiate sports next year.

Interest from the student body and prospective students, along with the rise in popularity of the sport in the Gulf South Conference, has spurred the addition to women's sports, according to officials.

The women's golf team will be the seventh women's team out of 15 intercollegiate programs at Harding. The team will join basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, tennis

and soccer.

"Harding has a long history of men's golf, now we are proud to be able to offer the same opportunity to women," said athletic director Greg Harnden.

Andrew Baker, associate director for the Institute of Church and Family, will serve as the coach for the women.

"I've wanted to be a golf coach since I was in the seventh grade," said Baker, who played on the men's team from 1994 to 1998. ■

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

- Harding has seven Gulf South Conference women's teams including basketball, cross country, soccer, tennis, track and field and volleyball.
- A women's golf team is being formed for conference play.



Since being appointed, Baker has been establishing goals for the women's team.

The team will consist of at least eight women, and the univer-

sity will provide a limited number of scholarships for the team, Baker said.

"First of all, my goal is to find the girls to create the team; then we will perform at the best of our ability," Baker said. "I am excited

about the new women's program at Harding.

"The university has great traditions in so many different areas, including athletic competition."

Officials said they considered other women's sports programs, including women's softball and bowling, but the decision was based on the fact that GSC began sponsoring women's golf last year.

Students have had mixed emotions when asked about adding a women's team to the fall lineup.

Sophomore Drew Murphy has played on the men's golf team since his freshman year and looks forward to the women's team begin-

ning competition in the fall.

"The competition will be great," Murphy said.

"I played against girls in high school so it was different when I came here. I like playing with girls and guys together better."

Junior Amanda Watson said she wishes Harding would have chosen women's softball instead.

She is active in club and intramural sports and has been requesting a women's softball team since she was a freshman.

"There is so much participation in softball already," Watson said. "I think the interest would be higher for softball instead." ■

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Lady Bisons upset in first round of tournament

SARAH CRIST
sports editor

The Lady Bisons soccer team fell to No. 3 seed University of Tampa Thursday afternoon by a score of 4-1 in the first round of the NCAA Division II National Tournament in Miami, Fla.

Had the team won, it would have advanced to the second round of play against the winner of the Barry University, Lincoln Memorial University game Saturday afternoon.

"Tampa just had more experience than we did," coach Greg Harris said. "They have a strong program and have been through the tournament several times before. It wasn't that they were better than us, they were just better prepared mentally."

Despite freshman goalkeeper Cheryl Dovichak's 12 saves during the game, Tampa scored four goals before freshman Kendyl Washburn scored Harding's lone goal in the 50th minute of the game.

"We started out slow," Harris said. "We were trying to keep up with one of the top teams in the nation, we were in a totally new setting, and it was tough."

The trip to the tournament was the first in program history.

The Lady Bisons found out they were headed to the tournament Monday afternoon when they crowded into Athletic Director Greg Harnden's office to listen to an NCAA conference call announcing the teams that would travel to the tournament.

The room erupted in cheers when the Harding team was declared the No. 2 seed from the South Region, and a celebration followed.

"We all started jumping up

and down and screaming when we heard our team named," junior Megan Hatcher said. "It was awesome."

The celebration quickly turned into chaos as the team scrambled to get ready for their departure for Miami, early Tuesday morning.

"It was absolutely crazy getting everyone ready to go," assistant coach John Ireland said. "Since we found out we were going to the tournament so late, we didn't get a chance to celebrate. We got excited that we were going and then started running all over the place to get ready."

Team members got caught up in the whirlwind of getting ready, calling friends and family and trying to get a grasp on the moment.

"It's still just unbelievable," sophomore Laura Bullington said.

"We were so excited and knew what was going on, but it still seemed surreal."

In order to prepare for Thursday's game, the team tried to keep its routine as normal as possible.

"We just relaxed on Wednesday," Ireland said. "We watched the film

from our game against Christian Brothers in the Gulf South Conference Tournament so we could see what we needed to work on as a team, and then we watched a tape of Tampa's team."

Despite coming home earlier from the tournament than they had hoped, the team members are proud of their accomplishments this season.

"We have had the best season ever this year," Harris said. "Just because we're coming home doesn't mean we weren't successful. I had a great group of girls this year, and we had fun."

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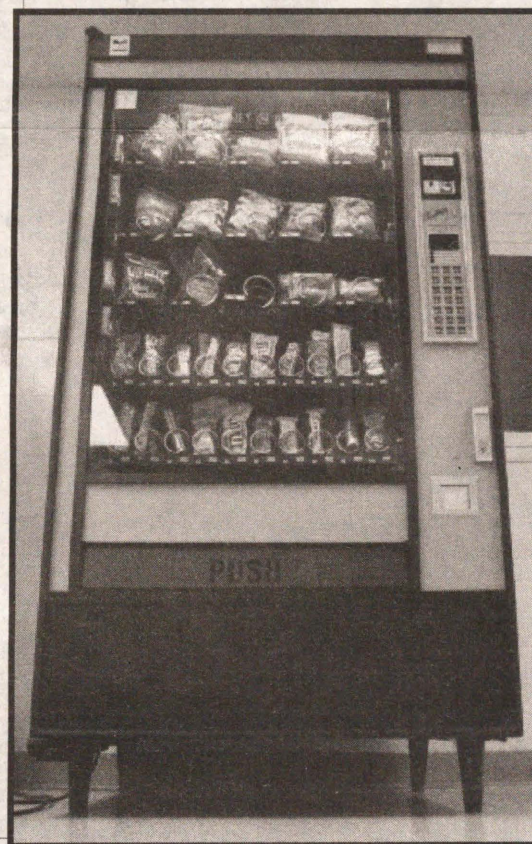


CHELSEA ROBERSON/The Bison

Coach Greg Harris and senior captain Becky Taylor embrace after learning that the women's soccer team had won a bid to the NCAA Division II National Tournament in Miami, Fla., this weekend. The team is the first in program history to travel to the National Tournament. The Lady Bisons lost 4-1 in first round play against the University of Tampa Thursday afternoon.

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SPORTS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to senior Jacob Edwards! He won the sports challenge for the second time this year. Monday kicks off Harding's basketball season so the men's game is our tie breaker this week! Same thing as usual, pick your favorite teams, rip this form out of the paper, fill it out (including the EXACT score of the this weekend's game between Harding and Arkansas Tech), and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12. Good luck!

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NCAA Football

- ☐ Nebraska @ **Oklahoma** ☐
☐ Boston College @ **West Virginia** ☐
☐ **Kansas St.** @ Colorado ☐
☐ Georgia @ **Auburn** ☐
☐ Miami @ **Virginia** ☐

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- ☐ **Houston** @ Indianapolis ☐
☐ Kansas City @ **New Orleans** ☐
☐ **NY Giants** @ Arizona ☐
☐ Carolina @ **San Francisco** ☐
☐ **Pittsburgh** @ Cleveland ☐

Tie Breaker:

NCAA Basketball

Guess the winner and exact score of Monday's game

- ☐ **Harding** vs. Arkansas Baptist ☐

*Editors picks are in bold



Freshman Benjamin Garner, TNT inductee, devours a purple ice cream sundae while freshman Heather Wilson, Ju Go Ju inductee, helps him by shoving his face further into the chilly treat during a joint induction activity Nov. 9. Many clubs participated in combined activities, helping to build bonds between induction classes.



Senior Sara Bukovatz, Chi Omega Pi member, and freshman Karen O'Neil, Chi Omega Pi inductee, slosh around in a tarp of slop during the messy games Nov. 9. Several clubs held activities, which involved taking a shower afterward.

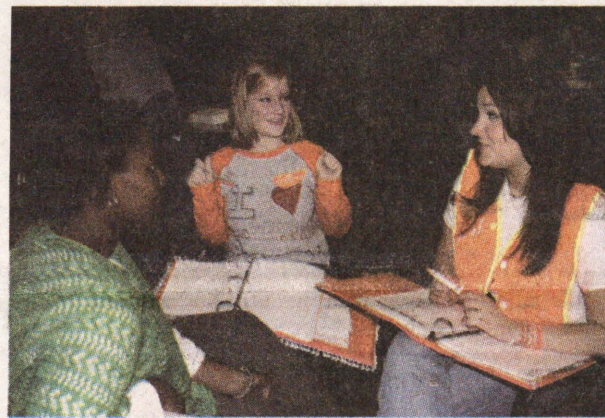
Falling confidently into the arms of her induction sisters, Regina inductee freshman Gina Baslinger participates in a unity-building activity Nov. 10. Bonding with fellow inductees and club members was an aspect of the club process most clubs strove to strengthen this week.



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THE VOICE OF ROUGH NIGHT CALLS INDUCTEES

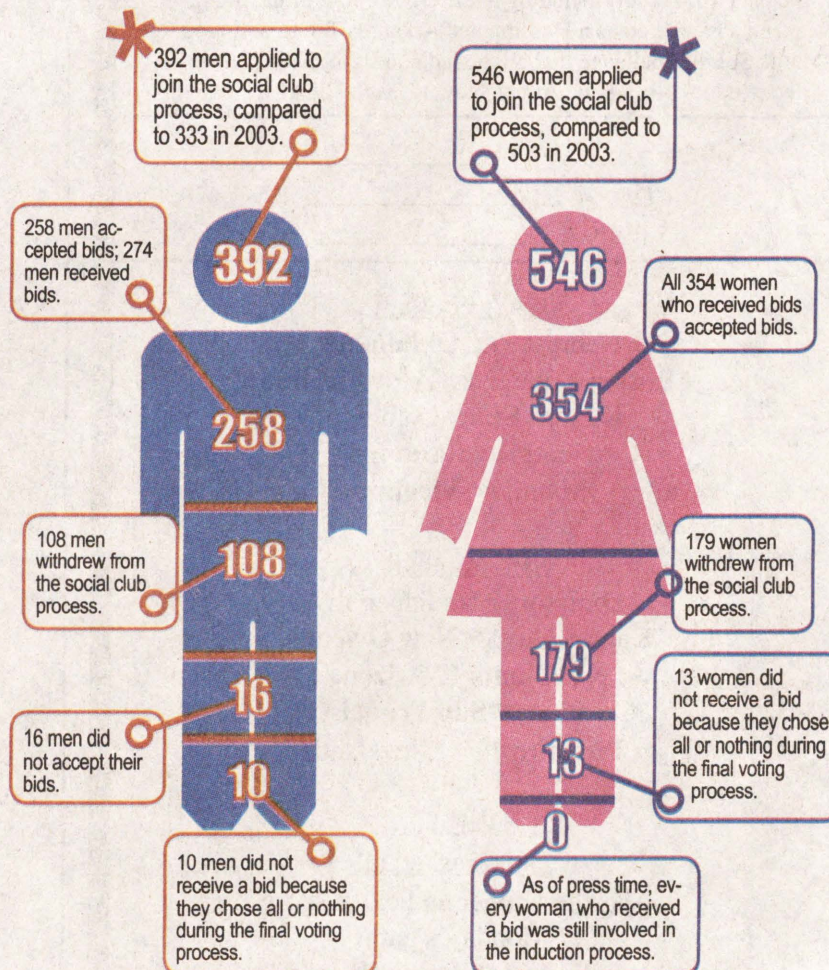
The smell of shaving cream. The sounds of club chants. The site of lights in the freshman dorms through all hours of the night. These are all things of the past after tonight. Tonight, the week-long social club induction process comes to a close. Traditionally called "Rough Night," inductees will undergo their last stint of initiation. As the week wraps up, Chelsea Roberson, *Bison* photographer, takes a look back at what was, for 612 students, a long, long week.



Senior Kim Toliver, Shantih member, answers questions from freshmen Rachel Kincheloe and Rachel Cooper, Shantih inductees, regarding information needed for their induction books Nov. 10. Induction books are universal among the clubs; all inductees must complete a certain percentage of the books throughout the week — depending on the club — to be promoted to Class I members at the end of the week.

INDUCTION NUMBERS

In total, 938 students applied to join the social club process this year. As of press time, 612 students were still involved in induction. That number is up from last year's total of 529 inductees.



*Information from the Office of Student Life

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